Assistance for Green India Project

†669. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether States will be provided assistance for the implementation of Green India Project;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance to be provided for the year 2007-08, State-wise; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Central Government has decided to utilize a part of the money deposited by the States/Union Territories in Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to raise plantations in degraded forest areas under the Green India Programme.

"The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2008" has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 5th May, 2008 during the preceding Budget Session of Parliament. After passing of the above Bill, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) will be created and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) will also be operationalised to enable the Ministry of Environment and Forests to release money to the States/Union Territories.

National action plan on climate change

670. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has launched a National Action Plan on Climate Change; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes Sir, India released the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) on 30th June 2008 to outline its strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change.

(b) India's National Action Plan outlines a national strategy that aims to enable the country to adapt to climate change and enhances the ecological sustainability of India's development path. It stresses that maintaining a high growth rate is essential for increasing living standards of the vast majority of people of India and reducing their vulnerability of the impacts of climate change.

Eight National Mission, form the core of the National Action Plan, representing multi-pronged, long term and integrated strategies for achieving key goals in the context of climate change. These Missions are National Solar Mission, National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat, National Water Mission, National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system, National Mission for a Green India, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture and National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change. The National Missions are to be institutionalized by the respective Ministries and will be organized through inter-sectoral groups.

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